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Re: Patent Term Extension

Application for

U.S. Patent No. Re. 34,440

Dear Mr. Stepno:

A certificate under 35 U.S.C. § 156 is enclosed extending the term of U.S. Patent No. Re. 34,440 for a period of 433 days. While a courtesy copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), you should directly correspond with the FDA regarding any required changes to the patent expiration dates set forth in the Patent and Exclusivity Data Appendix of the Orange Book (Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations) or in the Patent Information set forth in the Green Book (FDA Approved Animal Drug Products).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703)306-3159.

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cc: Ronald L. Wilson, Director Health Assessment Policy, Staff Office of Health Affairs (HFY-20) Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15-22

Rockville, MD 20857

RE: DIFFERIN Topical Gel FDA Docket No.: 96E-0362

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November 9, 1993

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PATENT OWNER :

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from March 24, 2009, the original expiration date of the patent, subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 41(b), with all rights pertaining thereto as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 156(b).



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